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Dear Dr. Green,

Miss Erlys MacNaughton, Librarian at the Wasatch County Library, tells me that you are collecting material for a history of the Heber area. The attached clipping may be of interest to you since it gives details on the dedication of Memorial Hill. Unfortunately, the member of my family that clipped it failed to note the date and the source. I suspect that it ran in the Salt Lake Tribune, and the date was in the 1933-34 period.

Leigh Block Turner, the architect and designer, was my mother. She died in late 1950, but in her last several months she wrote "Memoirs of a Happy Childhood" about her family and early years in Ouray, Colorado. This mining town was founded in 1875, and her parents came in by wagon in 1878. My mother was born in 1882, and remained there until the silver panic of the 1890's when her family then moved to Salt Lake City.

Although this story was reproduced as a family document in 1954, it has not had wide circulation. I am in the process of preparing it for publication in the spring of 1991, and am including additional material about the lives of some of the people mentioned following their departure from Ouray. The Memorial Hill monument being an obvious subject, I visited it last month with the object of getting pictures and information about its current status. I was shocked to find that the bronze plates carrying the names of the Wasatch County casualties were gone. I have since been in contact with Daniel Ballstaedt who filled me in on the theft of the plates and the difficulties being experienced in get names for a new set of plates. On this matter I will probably be able to help because I have located the sections in the National Archives that maintain casualty lists. So the possibility exists that the memorial can again serve its purpose.

I am interested in any background that you may have on Memorial Hill beyond what is given in the article, and I am also anxious to obtain copies of photographs showing the memorial with the plates in place. (Mr. Ballstaedt is also making inquiries about photographs.)

Respectfully,

